

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

FAMILY COURT PANEL APPLICATION

In order for the Family Court Panel Oversight Subcommittee committee to determine an applicant's qualifications, the applicant must answer all questions on this application or note specifically if a question is not applicable. Each question must appear before the answer and all applications must be typewritten. Certificates Concerning Discipline from the Office of Bar Counsel of the District of Columbia, or equivalent documents from other jurisdictions where you are now or previously have been admitted to the Bar, and certification that D.C. Bar dues have been paid currently should be included with the application. Attorneys of all experience levels who are enthusiastic and committed to providing high quality representation in connection with this important work are encouraged to apply.

1. Full name and D.C. Bar number.

ANSWER:

2. Please state the panel or panels to which you are applying (i.e., Juvenile, GAL, Other CCAN, and/or Special Education Advocate).

ANSWER:

3. If you have not previously applied for any panel, please skip this question and go to question #4. **If you have previously applied for any panel(s) and were not accepted for one or more of those panels, please provide the following information with respect to each panel for which you were not accepted. This information is specifically intended to update the information you provided on your previous application and should focus on additional training and legal experience. You must also update your answers to questions numbers 24, 25 and 26.**

- A. Please indicate by marking with an X each panel for which you previously applied but were not accepted and provide whatever updated information you believe would be helpful to the Committee in deciding on your application for that panel.

____ GAL Panel:

____ CCAN Panel:

____ Juvenile Panel:

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____ Special Education Advocate Panel:

____ My most recent, previous application is attached.

Note: If you wish to attach your most recent, fully completed application, you may do so or you may wish to complete an entirely new application. **In either event, you must complete this question with respect to *updated* information.**

4. (a) Office address, telephone number, fax number and email address

ANSWER:

(b) If your office is not in the District of Columbia, state how far it is from the D.C. Superior Court.

ANSWER:

(c) If you do not have an office or if your office is not in the District of Columbia, explain where you meet your clients to discuss their cases.

ANSWER:

(d) Describe your system for receiving messages from clients and describe your support staff, if any.

ANSWER:

(e) Describe your arrangements for coverage of your cases when you are on vacation or otherwise absent.

ANSWER:

(f) Describe your mode of transportation for visiting children or clients.

ANSWER:

5 List in reverse chronological order (most recent first) each law school and college you have attended, including dates of attendance and the degrees awarded, and describe any honors you have received or significant activities, or work, in which you were involved.

ANSWER:

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5. State whether you are a member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar. List all other courts in which you have been admitted to practice, with dates of admission.

ANSWER:

6. Describe in reverse chronological order (most recent first) your work history since you graduated from law school.

ANSWER:

7. Describe any other work experiences you believe might be of assistance to those assessing your qualifications for a Family Court Panel.

ANSWER:

8. Describe legal education programs you have attended within the last five years. (You need not list every program.)

ANSWER:

9. Describe course work and clinical training you have had concerning the law of evidence. (You need not list every course or all training.)

ANSWER:

10. Summarize in one paragraph your litigation experience.

ANSWER:

11. Briefly describe your experience and expertise concerning each of the following:

(a) residential placement

ANSWER:

(b) special education programs and procedures

ANSWER:

(c) adoption procedures, including adoption subsidies

ANSWER:

(d) legal guardianship and custody proceedings

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ANSWER:

(e) the Interstate Compact for Placement of Children

ANSWER:

(f) Section 8 and other housing programs for low-income people

ANSWER:

(g) drug treatment programs

ANSWER:

(h) teen mother programs

ANSWER:

(i) independent living programs

ANSWER:

(j) mental health programs and issues

ANSWER:

(k) domestic violence programs

ANSWER:

12. List up to five D.C. Superior Court judicial officers who have the most information about your qualifications to serve on the panel or panels to which you have applied. If you believe the judicial officer's knowledge is based primarily on a specific case or cases in which you appeared, please identify the case or cases. For neglect and adoption cases, please use initials and case numbers.

ANSWER:

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE JUVENILE PANEL, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 13 – 15. IF YOU ARE NOT APPLYING FOR THE JUVENILE PANEL, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 16.

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13. In approximately how many juvenile cases in the District of Columbia have you served as counsel?

ANSWER:

14. Approximately how many juvenile cases have you tried to a verdict?

ANSWER:

15. Describe your work in no more than five juvenile cases in which you have served as counsel. For each of those matters, provide (a) the case name, (b) the case number, (c) the court where the case was heard, (d) the date of trial, if any, (e) the charges, (f) the name of the judge who presided over the case.

ANSWER:

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE GAL OR CCAN PANEL, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 16 – 19. IF YOU ARE NOT APPLYING FOR THE GAL OR CCAN PANEL, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 20.

16. In approximately how many cases have you served as a GAL in the District of Columbia?

ANSWER:

17. In approximately how many neglect or abuse, termination of parental rights, or contested adoption cases have you served as counsel to a party (as distinguished from GAL) in the District of Columbia?

ANSWER:

18. Approximately how many neglect or abuse, termination of parental rights, or contested adoption cases have you tried:

(a) as GAL?

ANSWER:

(b) as counsel to a party (as distinguished from GAL)?

ANSWER:

19. Describe your work in no more than five neglect or abuse cases or termination of parental rights or contested adoption cases in which you have served as GAL or counsel.

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ANSWER:

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCATE PANEL PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 20 – 23. IF YOU ARE NOT APPLYING FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCATE PANEL, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 24.

20. In approximately how many special education cases in the District of Columbia have you served as counsel?

ANSWER:

21. In approximately how many special education cases have you participated in an administrative hearing?

ANSWER:

22. Describe your work in no more than five cases in which you have served as a special education advocate.

ANSWER:

23. Are you willing to be compensated exclusively from the D.C. Public Schools for your services as a special education advocate?

ANSWER:

FINAL QUESTIONS FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

24. Since your admission to the District of Columbia Bar, have you ever:

- (a) been convicted of a crime which carries a potential sentence of 180 days or more in prison?

ANSWER:

27. been sued by a client or been a party or otherwise involved in any other legal proceedings?

ANSWER:

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- (c) been the subject of a complaint to any court, administrative agency, bar association or disciplinary committee, or other professional group in the District of Columbia or elsewhere?

ANSWER:

25. If your answer is yes to any of the above, please provide particulars.

ANSWER:

26. Provide any other information that you believe might be of assistance in assessing your qualifications to receive appointments to represent indigent clients in Family Court.

ANSWER:

27. Attorneys selected to represent indigent clients in Family Court are expected to fully comply with the Child Abuse and Neglect Attorney Practice Standards¹, and timely satisfy their continuing legal education requirements.

- (a) Are you willing to act in accordance with the Attorney Practice Standards and timely satisfy all CLE requirements?

ANSWER:

Please certify the following at the bottom of your completed questionnaire:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the answers provided in the Family Court Panel Application and the Family Court Panel Data Sheet are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further I certify that I am a member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar.

Signature

Date

¹ Adopted by Administrative Order 03-07, February 28, 2003.